



For are the female personalities having won a name for themselves in the interwar Romanian fine arts, a name to outlive them thanks to the force of their talent and the value of their creation. Taking pride of place among them is painter Rodica Maniu (1890-1938), alongside such artists as Cecilia Cuțescu-Storck, Nutzi Acuniz, Liela Demetriade-Bălăcescu, Mirono Elciulea, Elena Popa and others. A first-class representative of her generation, Rodica Maniu gave Romanian culture an outstanding work which earned her national recognition, while also making her known at various international contests of the time. A gold medalist in Paris, recipient of the Grand Prix in Barcelona, a participant in the biennial of Venice, the international show in New York and other exhibitions staged in the great European capitals, Rodica Maniu was an invaluable asset of Romanian culture.

What essentially contributed to her consistent assertion was the indissoluble link between her work and the national spiritual universe. Her renown as "a painter of peasants" goes back to her artistic debut and was preserved throughout her life. Her canvases are populated with peasants whom she depicted in every state, veridically rendering their spiritual universe. Far from the idealism so widespread as a mentality and taste at the beginning of the century, Rodica Maniu portrayed peasants in a realistic way, with a gravity of feeling revealed by both faces and gestures and by the colours used. This dominant in the range of feelings her works convey is one of the salient features of her canvases. Adding to this is a monumental view of her compositions and a force of execution rather seldom encountered with a woman.

Through the spirit in which they were conceived, just as through their nature, Rodica Maniu's canvases and gouaches bear the imprint of a vigorous creative talent. The political capacity of communicating with and impressing the contemporary outlook, belonging to generations accustomed to the shocking visual impact of the century's modernist trends, is a certain proof of her creative's everlasting value.

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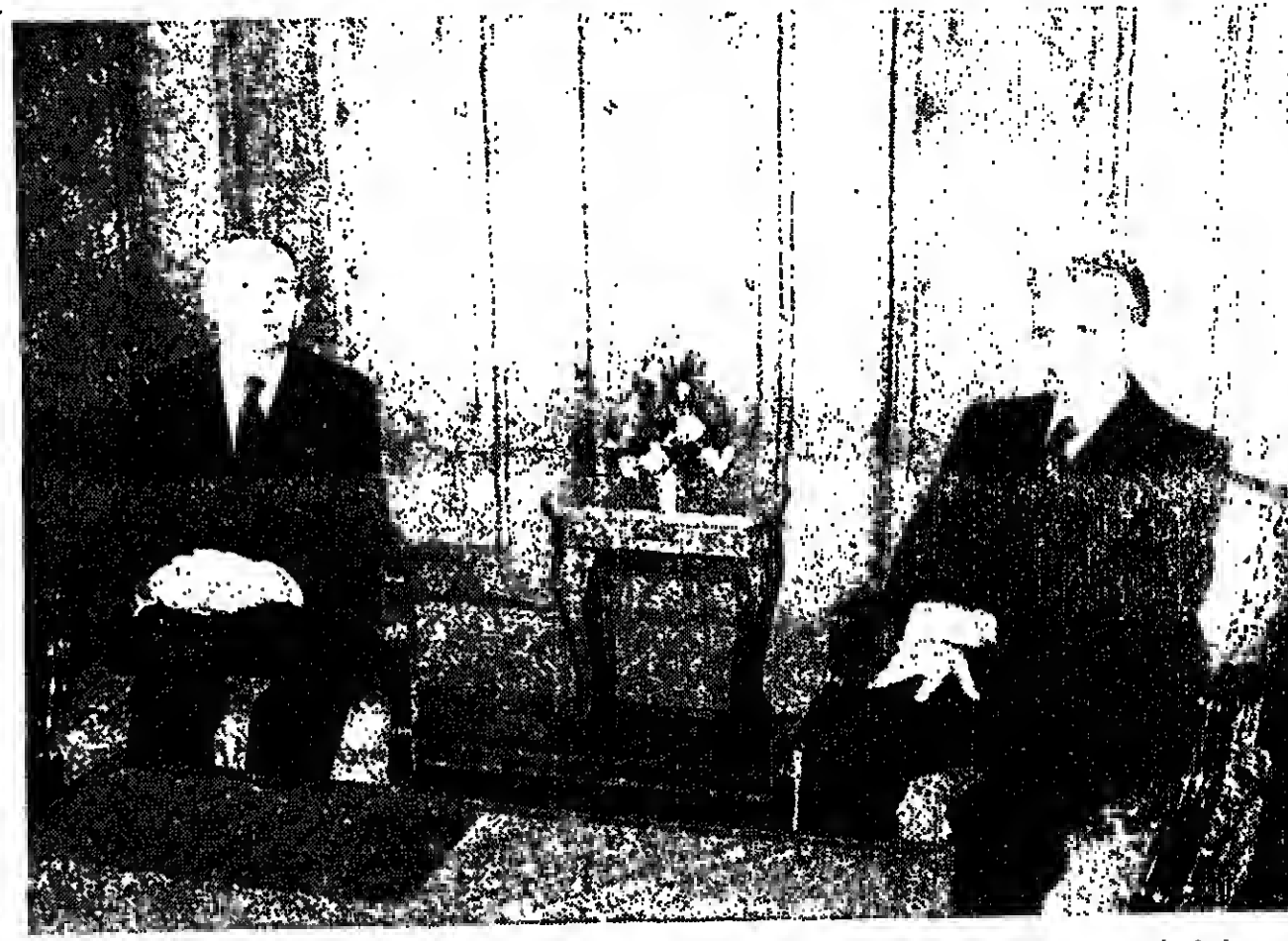
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At the invitation of the General Secretary of the Romanian Communist Party, President of the Republic, Nicolae Ceaușescu, Andrei Andreievich Gromyko, member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, Chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, came to Bucharest on Tuesday, May 10, on an official friendly visit.

On the same day, official talks started in Bucharest. In that framework, President Nicolae Ceaușescu was conveyed best wishes on behalf of Mikhail Gorbachev, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, and of the entire party and state leadership. President Nicolae Ceaușescu thanked and conveyed Mikhail Gorbachev and the other comrades in the party and state leadership a salute and wishes on behalf of the Romanian party and state leadership, as well as on his own behalf. Nicolae Ceaușescu welcomed A. A. Gromyko's visit to Romania, which goes down as an important moment in silence.



A REMARKABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIALIST CONSTRUCTION THEORY AND PRACTICE

The recent exposition made by the General Secretary of the Romanian Communist Party, Nicolae Ceaușescu at the meeting of the Executive Political Committee on certain questions of socioeconomic management, ideological and political-educational work, and of the international situation goes down as a political event of major significance, as a landmark in the Romanian party and people's life, in the chronicle of the building of the multilaterally developed socialist society.

Romania is favoring a moment of great importance in her evolution: her economy is going through a period of significant transition from extensive to intensive-type development, of assertion of a new quality in all fields. Programmes of national importance are under way in nearly all spheres of activity, which guide and mobilize the efforts and energy of all working collectivities of the entire people. All this implies the improvement of political and economic management, of labour organization, of all factors on which progress depends. The exposition made by the General Secretary of the Romanian Communist Party, Nicolae Ceaușescu, at the April 29 meeting of the Executive Political Committee of the CC of the RCP synthesizes in a unitary vision all these questions and concerns, formulates ideas, ideas and guidelines of great value which will undoubtedly leave their mark on present and future development. The in-depth scientific analysis from the angle of dialectics of the particularities of the current management of socialist construction, of all factors on which progress depends, as well as the

role of the political leadership in the overall progress of socialist construction, the decisive importance of applying science to the management and organization work, the harmonious combination of individual and collective responsibility, the strong assertion of the bodies of revolutionary-worker democracy, the role of party bodies and organizations in promoting the revolutionary spirit of commitment in the implementation of the current programmes, to revolutionize the climate of socialist construction, to intensify the political

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ADDRESS MADE BY NICOLAE CEAUSESCU

AT THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE POLITICAL COMMITTEE

In his speech at the meeting of the Executive Political Committee of the CC of the RCP, Nicolae Ceausescu referred exclusively to economic questions and to the measures related to the current activity for the implementation of the plan for the first semester and the whole year. The speaker assessed that all in all the results of the first four months of 1988 were satisfactory considering the general rate of growth of the national economy, in relation to the corresponding period of last year, yet plan provisions had not fully been implemented. Firm measures being requested for the full implementation of the economic tasks set for the current month and for the rest of the year.

Attention will focus, stressed the RCP General Secretary, on the serious production row in-

of the latest gains of the revolution in science and technology. Assessing the results achieved in the improvement of products quality and the raising of their technical level, the speaker pointed out that it was not a question of campaign but of permanent preoccupation.

The problems related to securing a more marked rise in productivity, to economic efficiency and profitability were also analyzed extensively in the RCP General Secretary's speech. He requested that all economic sectors observe steadily the principles of the normative act that regulates the turning out and delivery of the products for export, as well as to the basic market, rigorously apply in all respects the new measures comprised in the price formation law, which comes into force on May 13, 1988, while further action should be taken for the re-

of the issues of socioeconomic development. He referred to this sense and to the specific tasks laid down by the commission set up by domains of activity.

In keeping with the resolution of the Executive Political Committee, Nicolae Ceausescu stressed — it is necessary that all ministries, central bodies, enterprises, oil party and state bodies and organizations, the bodies of worker-revolutionary democracy should start firmly from the guidelines and tasks comprised in the Theses for the Plenum of the Central Committee dealing with certain questions of socioeconomic management, of ideological and political-educative work, as well as of the international situation, and on the basis they should analyze the work undertaken so far in a spirit of high responsibility and establish the most appropriate measures for valuing the activity into an increasingly higher level.

Greater responsibility, more efficiency, consolidation of order and discipline are required in the entire activity. Action should be taken most resolutely in all fields, starting from the necessity of unflinchingly carrying out the resolutions of the Thirteenth Congress, of the National Conference, of the plans and programmes of socioeconomic development, of the active participation of the masses, of the whole people in the management of the entire economic and social activity.

We must take all actions so that the decisions of the Thirteenth RCP Congress, of the National Conference concerning the carrying out of strategic objectives, should be fulfilled in the best conditions. This year is a decisive one and we must obtain the best results!

The carrying out of plans and programmes, said Nicolae Ceausescu in the end, depends upon us, on our work, having in mind the good functioning of collective management bodies, of party organs and organizations, the active participation of the working people, of the whole people in this on-the-activity. Only in these conditions we will have the guarantee of fulfilling the plan targets.

Nicolae Ceausescu, General Secretary of the Romanian Communist Party, took the floor, referring to the economic items on the agenda.

The Executive Political Committee also discussed questions of international activity of the Romanian party and state, as well as routine questions.

In connection with the new economic contracts law recently passed in the Romanian Parliament, which stipulates the renewal of contracts, Nicolae Ceausescu mentioned that this law was passed only because the domestic activity did not apply to the country's foreign economic relations.

The RCP General Secretary also approached in his speech questions related to the measures announced at the previous meeting of the Executive Political Committee regarding the implementation of the whole activity of management, old planning, so that all economic bodies, departments and enterprises should exercise their prerogatives and role in the economic

RECEPTION BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC

The President of EDEK Socialist Party of Cyprus

On May 6, Romanian Communist Party General Secretary Nicolae Ceausescu, President of Romania, received Vasos Ixariotis, President of the EDEK Socialist Party of Cyprus.

The President of the EDEK Socialist Party pointed out the high appreciation enjoyed in Cyprus by Romania's dynamic and constructive policy, by President Nicolae Ceausescu's democratic and initiatives aimed at building a better and more just world of international peace and understanding.

During the interview the sides expressed satisfaction at the good relations established between the Romanian Communist Party and the Socialist Party of Cyprus, and reasserted the resolve to work for a further development of these relations to the benefit of both countries and peoples, of the cause of peace and collaboration in Europe and throughout the world.

Also approached were a number of current international questions. In this framework the sides pointed out the preoccupation of the two parties with the evolution of the world political situation which continues to be particularly grave and complex owing to the continuation of the arms race, which is a permanent threat to peace.

The sides underscored the

need for all peoples, the progressive forces everywhere to join in the struggle for the implementation of disarmament, nuclear in the first place, for ensuring peace on this planet. They showed that further action must be taken for the attainment of new records in the eradication of nuclear arms, along several stages, halting further tests and other open militarization, a radical curb in conventional weapons, troops and military spending.

During the interview, the sides considered that efforts needed to be directed for solving all interstate conflicts and disputes peacefully, by way of negotiations, for finding a global solution to the questions of underdevelopment, and to establish a new international economic order based on equality, equally and mutual advantage, in the interest and to the benefit of all peoples.

In connection with the situation in Cyprus, President Nicolae Ceausescu reiterated his country's stand regarding the solution to the Cyprus problem, showing that everything must be done for it to be solved by the Cypriots themselves, peacefully, through negotiations, with a view to ensuring conditions for the implementation of the island in free together peacefully, for implementing the unity and independence of the Republic of Cyprus.

ELENA CEAUSESCU RECEIVES THE CHAIRMAN OF THE STATE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

Elena Ceausescu, First Deputy Prime Minister of Romania, Chairman of the National Council for Science and Education, received on Friday, May 6, Song Jiang, State Counsellor, Chairman of the State Committee for Science and Technology of the People's Republic of China.

During the interview emphasis was placed on the upward course of the collaboration between the Romanian and Chinese scientists, a collaboration that falls within the good relations of friendship and multilateral collaboration between the two parties, countries and peoples.

Expressing confidence that Romania's and China's bilateral scientific, technical and experience provided new possibilities for the amplification of the bilateral collaboration in chemistry and petrochemicals, electronics, materials, as well as in other sectors of activity, Elena Ceausescu stressed that the expansion of the collaboration between the Romanian and Chinese scientists would contribute towards speeding up the two countries' economic and social progress, to the general cause of socialism, peace and understanding among peoples.

ROMANIA IN THE WORLD • ROMANIA IN THE WORLD UNDER THE SIGN OF INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION

Starting from the need for an ever more active participation in the world exchanges of economic goods, Romania has expanded its economic and technical-scientific ties with the developed capitalist states, grounding them on the principles of peaceful coexistence. In the last two decades alone, the volume of Romania's commercial exchanges with these countries has grown nearly eight times, their share in the overall Romanian foreign trade now being slightly above one fifth. Countries such as West Germany, Italy, the USA, Great Britain, France, the Netherlands, Japan, Canada, etc., are presently major trade partners of Romania.

The continuous expansion and diversification of the structure of Romania's economic exchanges with these countries in the above-mentioned interval has brought about significant changes have been wrought in the structure of Romanian exports towards these countries. Thus, the share of machines, equipment, iron-ore, steel, etc., in Romania's exports has grown from 10 per cent in 1960 to more than a quarter today.

Concomitantly with the expansion and widening of commercial exchanges, an ever more important part has been played by economic and technical-scientific cooperation. In the last two decades, more than 300 ventures of cooperation in production and in goods circulation, many of them to high-tech branches (aeronautics, energy, electronics, etc.) have been initiated or set up. Also, some 40 joint production, marketing, and banking societies have been set up with western firms, French, West Germany, the USA, Italy, etc., some of them headquartered in Romania.

Romania will continue to grant special attention to the development of the economic and technical-scientific cooperation, under the diversified forms, with the developed capitalist countries, on a mutual advantage. To this end, it will set permanently, both at a bilateral and a multilateral level, towards doing away with the restrictive, discriminatory practices of capital barriers to this part of the world, which have affected the Romanian flows of goods, technology, and know-how from any artificial barrier, conducted on an equal footing, to the benefit of all peoples.

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LIGHT INDUSTRY 1988 PROGRESS

70 countries on all continents knew the products designed and manufactured by the Romanian Light Industry specialists. Many beneficiaries of these countries have become traditional partners along the years. How can this "trade constancy" be accounted for? Doina Dolba, deputy director of the Ministry of Light Industry supplied us with an answer:

"First of all by ensuring a flexible organization, extremely receptive to the demands of internal and external markets, to absolutely all novelties. We have permanently diversified the range of our products. From 150,000 products, items

and models in various contexts, drawing and colour combinations to be manufactured in 1988 over 80,000 are new. The same concern is shown also with updating technologies. More than 170 new technologies will be introduced in the production line, while 110 already existing ones are to be generalized.

Over the last years Romanian Light Industry has implemented a wide-scope programme of investment materialized into the creation of modern enterprises or areas specializing in this field, while in 1988 stress is laid on updating and re-equipping the existing units. New prod-

uction compartments are to be commissioned at the knitwear enterprise of Turnu Măgurele; the enterprise of ready-made clothes in Iasi, Curtea de Argeș, Birlad and Tulcea. Under way is the construction of an enterprise of knitwear and synthetics in the town of Vaslui.

These are images suggestive of the way in which a modest unit which 30 years ago used to manufacture uniforms for the Romanian Railroads, mining, mail and telecommunication enterprises, managed to update and expand its production by

going through a series of steps of investment, only to start developing the first ready-made clothes in 1970 to countries like West Germany, the Netherlands and Italy.

After 1973 the enterprise in Bacău covered a series of stages specific to all the units of the Romanian Light Industry. Its units specialized in various types of clothes produced in small, medium and large series.

Today the enterprise of ready-made clothes in Bacău, one of the ten units of the ready-made clothes industry central office based in Bacău covers an important share, manufacturing some 20 per cent of the overall production. More than 60 per cent of the enterprise's production is exported.

The secret of its rapid success lies in the prompt assimilation and introduction in the production line of novelties. It explains why 80 per cent of the overall output are absolute firsts in terms of fashion. It explains also the wide range of models based on designs drawn out by local specialists or solicited by partners. The number of partners is today an ever rising, including firms like Corina, Sportfitt, Castiglione, Corbi (Italy), Amore (USA), Well (France), Manchester (Canada), Kerpsten (West Germany), as well as other firms in Belgium, the Netherlands, Czechoslovakia, Poland, the GDR, Iraq, Libya, Bangladesh, etc.

M. CONSTANTIN

PARTNERS ALL OVER THE WORLD

Two years ago, a representative of the American "Chinus" ready-made clothes firm expressed his wish to cooperate with Romanian light industry units. Shortly afterwards his wish was materialized into a series of trade contacts. During the negotiations, he visited several enterprises of this branch. Positively impressed by the qualitative and technical level, he opted for a unit in the city of Oradea. It was then that he visited the ready-made clothes enterprise of Bacău, where a new section, actually a true factory, was nearing completion. Though the unit was not specialized in the type of clothes preferred by Chinus — artificial silk items — specialists made the American partner a highly documented offer. The offer was accepted. In a couple of months the new section started to manufacture women's garments for the American firm. Satisfied with the conditions of the cooperation, with the quality of execution and the promptness with which contracts were fulfilled and, to some extent, with the modern means of storing and packaging items, the American firm concentrated its production on the enterprise of Bacău.

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A WORLD-CLASS ENTERPRISE

At first our guide through the enterprise seemed to have exactly the attitude I had expected — lucid, objective, reserved. Her everyday presence in the colourful setting of specific women's clothes would have entitled her to a certain routine, ruling out any effusion. But, much to my surprise, commercial manager Aurelia Șălișan involuntarily exclaimed: "What a nice shirt!" She had noticed it in the designing stage. Nevertheless, this place of clothing made of denim, with rows of buttons and a belt could still be a revelation to the experienced saleswoman on economical by profession of the Mondiala Ready-Made Clothes Enterprise in Satu Mare.

Although the manager's tone soon became purely objective again, I realized that she was not yet "used" to certain realities of the enterprise. For her talk to be devoid of all artificiality, she then pointed to me, as a highly normal thing, the use of the electronic computer in the design of details

and the colours of the fabric, the computer chooses the best, most economical pieces of a dress, overcoat, blouse, in keeping with special programmes. The dressmakers are the ones who ultimately decide how to cut or rearrange the pieces of fabric into finished garments. "But thanks to the modernization of the manufacturing process, the creative work in garments and workshops increases the value of one metre of fabric fivefold" — the commercial manager said.

To economy of raw materials and manpower in no way prejudices the fantasy of the creators of new models (over one thousand annually). The trademark of the Mondiala Ready-Made Clothes Enterprise has been primarily reserved for its fashion production. Even before founding the firm's name on the name, Romanian buyers, eager to keep abreast of fashion, discovered the fine taste of the Satu Mare enterprise in the modern cut of the clothing items. No less responsive to the Mondiala Ready-Made Clothes Enterprise's latest (women's wear) for 1988 are the numerous partners from America, Belgium, Canada, France,

Italy, the USA etc. The firm Șălișan in West Germany or Mondiala in the Netherlands have been already customers of the Mondiala enterprise for years.

At the recent international fair of Namur, Belgium, the collection, including 10 original garments designed at Satu Mare particularly elicited the visitors' attention. The collection was sent to the Lodging fair, and among many forthcoming events, a rich collection of ready-made clothes will participate in the autumn Bucharest International Fair.

None of the about 100 million garments annually manufactured at Mondiala seems to be dictated by those for whom they are meant.

V. COSTEA

Ready-made clothes section at the Garment Enterprise in Bacău (top); a factory used for fabricating garments in the Textile Enterprise in Buzău (middle); Bucharest (centre); interior of the Leather and Glass Factory in Cluj (bottom).

ADVANCED PROGRAMMES

Romanian scientific research fully participates in solving production problems. Nearly one quarter of a million technical personnel are engaged in carrying out research programmes on a national scale. Moreover, 35 special programmes by branches have been worked out which are implemented by the whole body of engineers and designers. Romania has focused her researches on advanced sciences, decisions as concerns the introduction of progress of the new in the economy. Such a sector is clearly which is directly involved in many areas: plastics, synthetic yarn and fiber, elastomers, pesticides and mineral fertilizers etc. Every fluid invention patented in Romania pertains to chemistry. An efficient chemical industry has developed on the basis of high efficiency. The chemical industry has developed more than 100 times compared to 1950. At present, the chemical industry, alongside the machine building one, ensures more than 50 per cent of the output and export of industrial products. Chemical research plays an important part in the modernization of the national economy, the reduction of energy and raw materials consumption, the superior capitalization of the country's resources and riches, the protection of the ecosystem.

Romanian research certainly contributes to the development of other industrial branches too. Although Romania ranks 32nd in point of population and 75th in point of area in the world, she ranks 15th as concerns technological progress, as expressed by the number of homegrown inventions per one thousand inhabitants, seventh as concerns the output of chemical and natural gas, eighth in point of output of soda, synthetic yarn and fiber, eleventh in point of synthetic rubber, and 15th in point of aluminium. She holds top places in many fields of machine building, building materials, and is acquiring higher positions in electrical engineering, electronics etc. Romania has made a name for herself in manufacturing high precision equipment. Over 40 types of ladders and laser devices have gone into production in the last few years, for the mining, machine tool industries, and material on included. Romania holds first place in the world as regards sunflower research and top places in cereal and technical crop research, in which remarkable successes

have been scored. Scientists in Romania take part in research programmes sponsored by the UN, the CMEA and other international bodies, making a significant contribution to enriching mankind's treasure of knowledge.

L. ROMAN



The international course of immunology organized by the Academy of Medical Sciences in Romania under the aegis of the International Union of Immunology Societies and the World Health Organization opened on May 11 in Brasov. Taking part are experts from Belgium, Czechoslovakia, France, West Germany, Great Britain, Hungary, Israel, Japan, Norway, Poland, Spain, the Soviet Union, the United States, Yugoslavia and, naturally, Romania. The subject — The Pathology of Immune Reactions — is taught by well known professors and debated by students within round tables or discussions around the scientific reports delivered.

"Why was this topic chosen?" asked professor Ioan Moraru, MD, Vice-President of the Academy of Medical Sciences.

"The pathology of immune reactions is today a basic

concern of many jobs in the world. The investigations undertaken in the respective field serve to know the mechanisms of the appearance of highly serious afflictions such as malignant disorders of the blood system, collagen-lupus diseases, rheumatoid arthritis, thyroiditis, AIDS-induced interlunias, as well as in adequately use modern treatments."

The speaker then highlighted the importance of biological products, somewhat close to physiotherapy. We should mention for instance that the famous salary lab of the Victor Babeș Institute in Bucharest obtains several biological products, highly instrumental for such treatments. We are referring to Interleukin, Cytokine, to which more biological preparations will soon be added.

ADINA PRISTAVU

THE SALVAGE TUGBOAT

3,800 HP. That is Hercules' power. Not of the mythological character, but of the first sea-going rescue tugboat made by the Brăila shipyard and recently delivered to the undersea Constantia Port Management Enterprise.

"Hercules", a national first of the ship building industrial branch has successfully passed sea tests with an excellent ability and operation. The ship is fitted with two 3,800 HP engines made of Regila and is meant for

the transportation of offshore drilling platforms, their supply with water and fuel, the towing of damaged or wrecked ships of any tonnage, the rescuing of the crew and materials on the damaged ships.

While the ship has begun its voyage, its second "sister", a 3,800 HP sea-going salvage tugboat is due to be launched soon. Work is now under way in the workshops of the Brăila shipyards on a new ship: the 13,000 HP sea-going salvage tugboat.

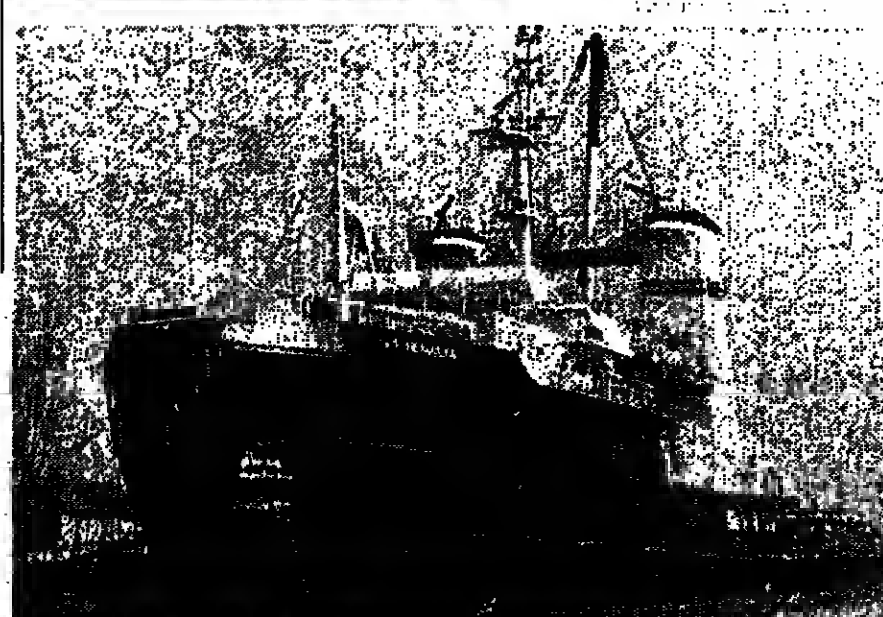


COMPUTERIZED ROLLING MILLS

Romania has a valuable experience in the design, according to original solutions, of rolling technological lines. Over 120 roll mills in the world have been built in keeping with Romanian designs. The specialized institute, IPHOLAM, and the research sections of the iron and steel works in the country are currently working on equipping rolling mills with Romanian-made computers. The tests conducted so far show that the introduction of process computers reduces metal losses by three-to-six per cent, lowers energy consumption by 10 per cent and enhances labour productivity by up to 30 per cent. Also facilitated by the functioning of the furnaces. As part of the drive for automating rolling mills, numerous new devices have been created and patented as inventions or registered as innovations. For instance, a metallurgical photoelectric relay adjustable to static manufacturing elements has been developed. This relay is highly reliable in conditions of high temperature, dust, vapour, vibrations, mechanical shocks, etc.

"Electrometal" Enterprise in Timbora has built the first Romanian thermal cutting machine designed by a group of specialists from the Weiling and Metals Works Institute in Timbora. The machine cuts, by means of an oxyacetylene and methane gas flame, metals 6 to 250 mm thick, 4.7 m wide and 15 m long, with a speed of 75 to 1,000 mm per minute. The generalization of this high-tech equipment will lead to a productivity increase.

A new product to be manufactured at the Tractor Enterprise in Rensu is the 70 hp turning tractor which is part of a new range of small- and medium-power farming equipment. The new tractor is characterized by higher technical and qualitative performance: a 20 per cent higher suspension compared to other farm machinery, the reduction of sliding by a self-unlocking differential, the live power reduction of fuel consumption, reduced noise, greater comfort for the driver, modern design.



INDUSTRY'S OXYGEN

Technical prestige and professionalism. These are two topics often approached in the industrial sections of an old, well-known Bucharest enterprise. Leromet, set up in 1914, is specialized in turning out copper and copper-alloy semifinished products. Also processed here are such raw materials as zinc and silver, having a high economic worth. The alloys incorporating the above metals and many others are used for manufacturing electrical, base, pipe, wire of various forms and diameters, required by various major branches of the Romanian economy: electrical engineering, machine engineering, etc.

Starting in 1970, the enterprise has undergone several development stages. New facilities have been erected and the old ones have been updated. Several top technologies have been introduced which make it possible to turn out numerous products which not so long ago used to be imported. Among these are the special-sealing pump for 150 and 350-MW turbogenerators meant for the Heavy-Duty Machines Enterprise in Bucharest; the copper-silver alloy bars used for building high-power electric motors, electric engines and diesel-electric engines; the rolling mills, as well as the

A CITY OF ATOMISTS

Joining the voyagers who landed in the port of Cernavodă from the Sophia ship on December 1, 1878, was also Alexandru Macedonski who came here to work as prefect of the county, whose "seat" was at Iltova, a nearby commune.

His impression of Cernavodă was not all that enthusiastic for a 21-year-old man: a petty and dusty borough with a few houses and small shops, water carts passing down narrow streets (it was quite a paradox: although they lived on the bank of the Danube, natives suffered from lack of water!), a market and...that was about all!

By the turn of the century the town seemed to come to life due to the construction of Angeli Siliy's bridge and of a small cement factory which counted as the only trace of industry in that town for many years. It produced good cement but the price was extremely high so the factory had to be shut down.

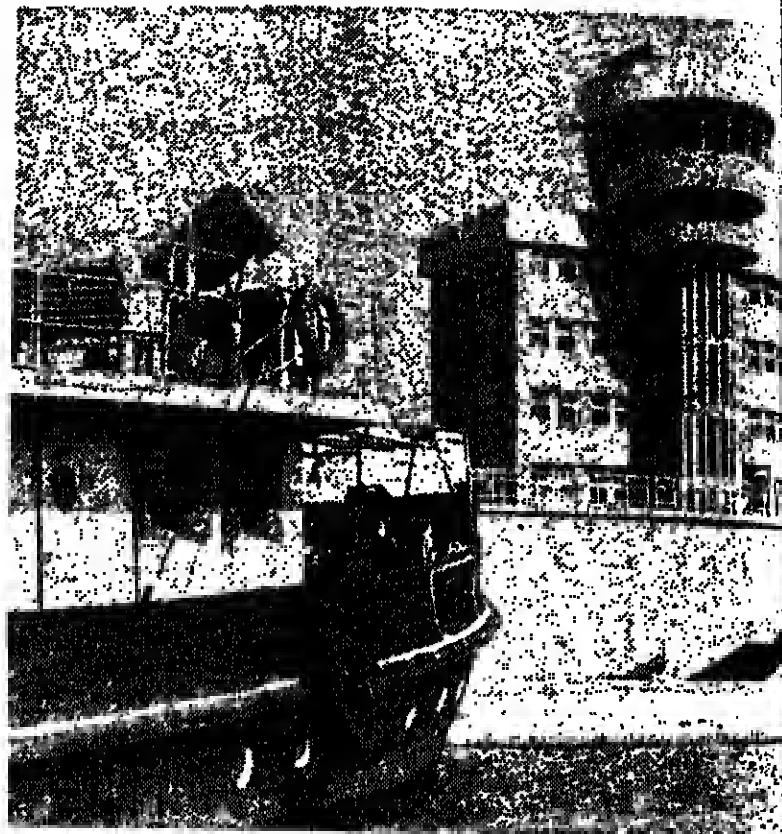
Due to its population's high average lifespan Cernavodă was for a long time known as a "city of pensioners". A fact which illustrated very suggestively the locality's slack socioeconomic life and want of prospects.

The 1938 new territorial and administrative di-

vision of the country meant the first, resolute step towards a new destiny taken by Cernavodă, the same as other localities of the country. But the unprecedented changes in its history occurred in the wake of the construction of the Danube-Black Sea Canal, of the new motor and railroad bridge across the Danube and the nuclear-power station.

Today, people in Cernavodă talk very much about the future: "This road will be part and parcel of the North-South European highway" (here, where houses are now being demolished to make room for a seven-metre-high "bed" of locomotives we shall raise a new civic centre of the city; here we shall build a new hospital and next to it a new house of culture; we shall raise a high school specializing in energy so as to ensure staff for the nuclear plant; we shall build, this year too, 400 apartments; we shall raise a monument to construction).

It is a future of erudition, of professional and social accomplishments. Cernavodă is one of the most telling expressions of the policy of multifaceted development pursued by contemporary Romania.



THE PLANT

The impact of building the first nuclear electric plant on the city is overwhelming. You can feel it even as the railway platform. The quiet stillness of Cernavodă, lowered by a bronze statue placed in one end of Angeli Siliy's bridge, where until recently you could count visitors on your fingers, is now stormed especially on Mondays

now work for Cernavodă: the iron and steel works of Galati, Ilfov, and Timisoara, metallurgical units of Buzău, Roman, Cimpia Turzii, the Reunited plant, the Bucharest heavy-equipment enterprise, Vulcan, Independence-Sibiu, the enterprise of chemical equipment in Ploesti, Automata, Electropulver, Electronica, the

heavy motors enterprise in Bucharest, the computer plant, the aircraft plants of Bucharest and Buzău, numerous chemical works, units of the National Council of Science and Technology — other specialist enterprises in Constanta, Turnu Severin, Ploesti, Iasi, Timisoara, Galati, etc.

As can be seen, the whole country is now "present" at Cernavodă with highly reliable products guaranteed for at least 20 years on a par with the highest and most exigent world standards, and even superior to them.

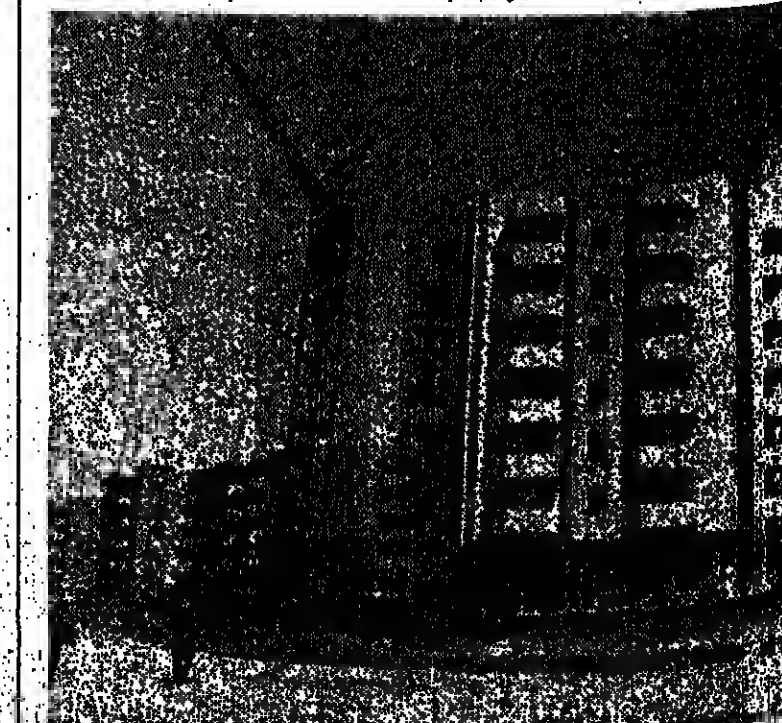
Many technologies, construction and assembly firms have been registered on or for this vast building site, many teams of technicians proving their competence and high professional ability. What we want to stress is that the construction of the first Romanian nuclear plant has an extremely favorable influence on industry, determining it to raise its level of competitiveness and technological capacity. And if we were to look this assessment with a recent example, here it is, offered by Ioanina Gabor, one of the "volunteers" working with the building site, director of the nuclear plant enterprise, in other words, the beneficiary of the work itself.

The concrete part of the construction required a special kind of material able to isolate perfectly the joinings. That material had to be highly resistant, even to radiations. It is called "Vitol" — an extremely rare and hard to get foreign product. Was it an insurmountable obstacle? Not in the least! As soon as possible the centre of research in liquids, crystals and anti-corrosive protection in Bucharest covered the research part, while the Chemical Works of Rimnicu Vilcea supplied the finished product. Director Ioanina Gabor told us with undisguised pride that some Canadian specialists had recently declared that the Romanian order was even better than theirs and recommended it for the world market.

THE ATOMISTS

The five reactors, or power generating sets will produce 3,500 MW/h of electric power. Specialists have chosen this Candu-type of plant, similar with those already functioning in Canada, Argentina and South Korea because it allows of the usage of nuclear fuel produced in Romania. Production installations are presently undergoing advanced tests of operation. Thus, a precious raw material existing in the subsoil of this country is now connected to the productive circuit in order to be used with utmost economic efficiency.

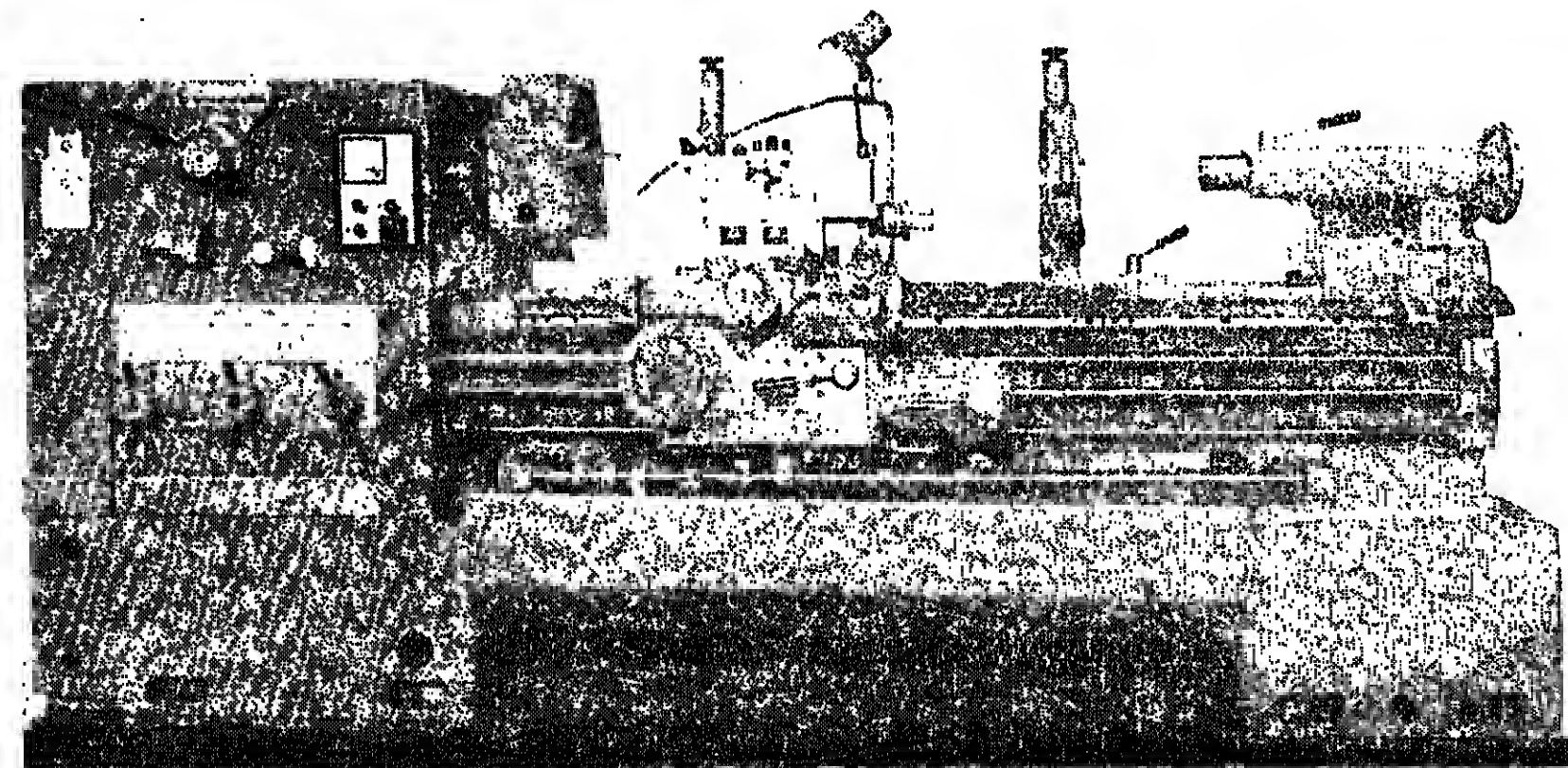
Who are the future atomists of Cernavodă? Who are the future specialists (the most appropriate term to designate them is still under discussion here, on the building site)? Though there is still much to be done until "the first parallel" is commissioned, drilling has already started among those eager to work in this original field. Like spacemen, candidates are subject to complex tests of professional, physical, psycho-ability, etc. For instance, last year 200 candidates were



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ned Saturdays, when commuters come and go. Behind the station a spacious bus always waits for its customers. Though nothing is written on it everybody knows its destination: the plant (transportation is free).

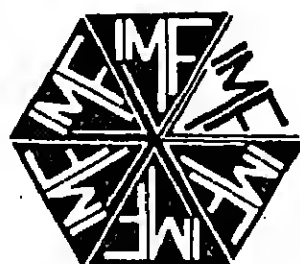
Commuters account only for a small part of the 10,000 workers, technicians, engineers and specialists in various fields who have come here to perform a pioneering technological work, the first ever in the history of Romania's industry of power plants.

The nuclear plant of Cernavodă is a project which one hardly find its match in any other previous achievement from the point of view of the investments, technical complexity and economic importance — we were told by Valeriu Popa, deputy minister of electric energy (a minister in overalls whom you can meet every day in the hottest points of the vast building site).

It is a priority for the whole Romanian economy. Besides mariners from Canada, the U.S.A., Italy and India, contributions to its achievement are made also by Romanian industrial units and research and design institutes. Our whole industry with its high-tech branches brings in a huge volume of parts, equipment, subassemblies, original engineering designs and solutions. For the 10,000 employees of the "big" unit, which

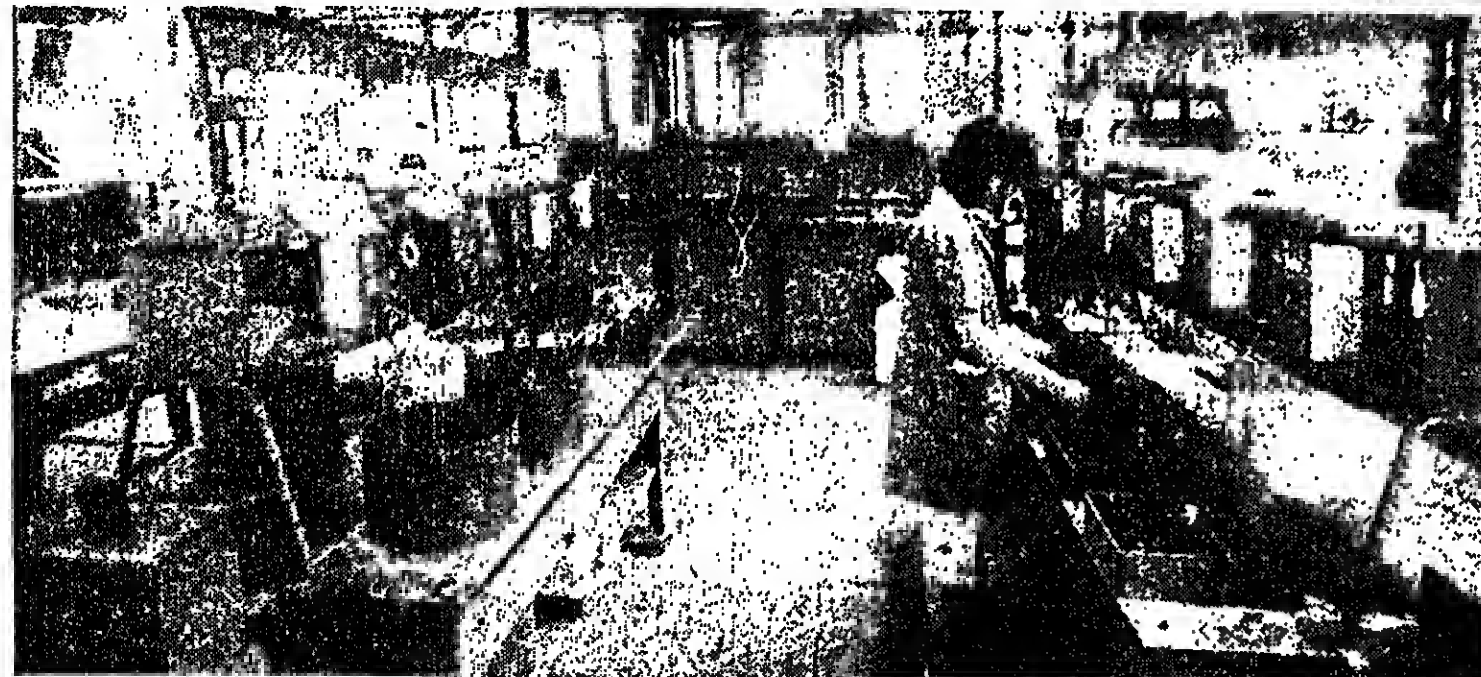


THE FINE MECHANICS ENTERPRISE



The Fine Mechanics Enterprise of Bucharest, one of the big producers of measuring and gauging fixtures in Romania, offers high-accuracy devices for the measuring of external, internal, circular and flat dimensions, gear, surfaces and angles. Its manufacturing programme includes dial gauges and micrometer calipers with dial indicator, direct-reading and comparison measures

for bore-holes, passmeters and level micrometers, thickness measuring devices, gear pitch error and thickness measuring fixtures, pratractors and supports and accessories for these devices. Length measuring devices meet world quality standards and can compete with similar products made by traditional firms.



sure dimension accuracy, economy of time, giving automatic orders according to the programme.

The vocation for top performances in the twelve enterprises of the CIMP is solidly grounded on the activity of its own Institute of research, design and technological engineering for fine mechanics and tools. A real centre of technical and technological creation, the Institute supplies ideas and solutions to productive departments staffed with highly skilled workers and technicians able to impart the highest quality to each product. The direct relationship between research and production, the continuous flow of information between those who design and those who execute provide the guarantee for the high technical level and accuracy of the measuring and control devices produced by the CIMP enterprises.

The range of products includes 536 distinct families totalling some 22,000 standard sizes. Of them, 50 families of products have been assimilated of late, the share of the new and redesigned products being of over 20 per cent.

In order to achieve its programme, the Fine Mechanics Enterprise adopted and improved the latest technologies specific to each family of products. One of the many possible examples are the diamond wheels with galvanic bond for processing a wide range of materials. Starting from the technology bought from the White company of West Germany, the Fine Mechanics Enterprise has achieved almost twice as many families of diamond wheels than the licence initially contained. Among its performances, we could mention the wheels for the electronic industry used for cutting integrated circuits, transistors and thyristor plates. The width of the cut is only 0.20 mm, which substantially reduces the waste of expensive materials, resulting from cutting. We could also mention the diamond wheels with galvanic bond used for cutting synthetic resins, the wheels for processing sintered metal carbides, etc.

The fruit of the Fine Mechanics Industrial Company's creative efforts is the active control devices used directly on machine tools. Intelligent devices equipped with electronic blocks and sensors, they as-



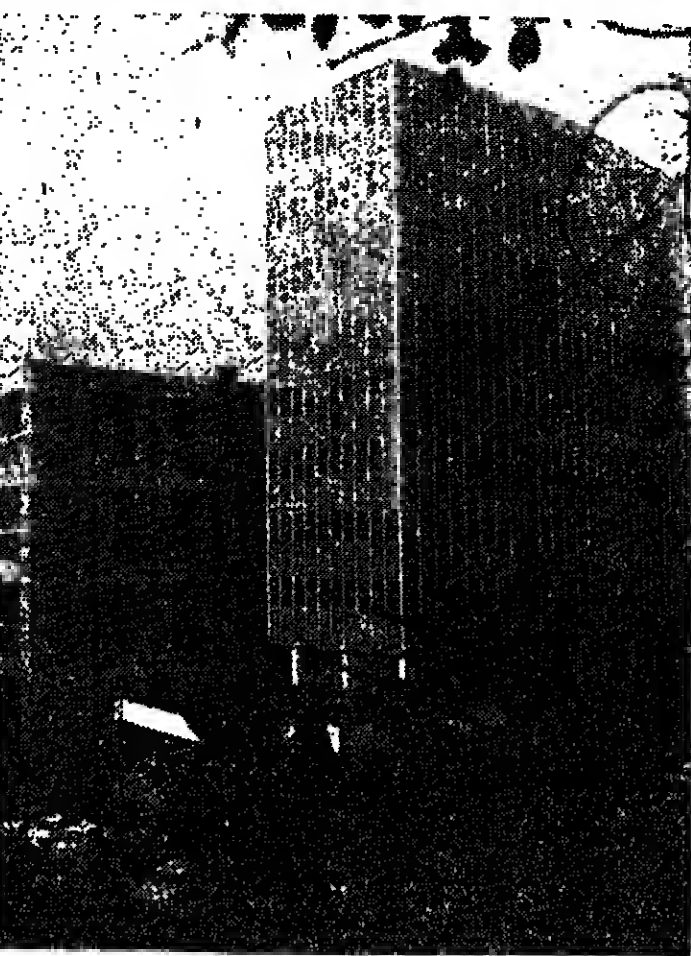
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MEASURING AND DIMENSIONAL CONTROL INSTRUMENTS

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- bore checking and control instruments
- comparator instruments
- gear measuring instruments
- angle measuring instruments and apparatus
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- electronic apparatus for rigidity control



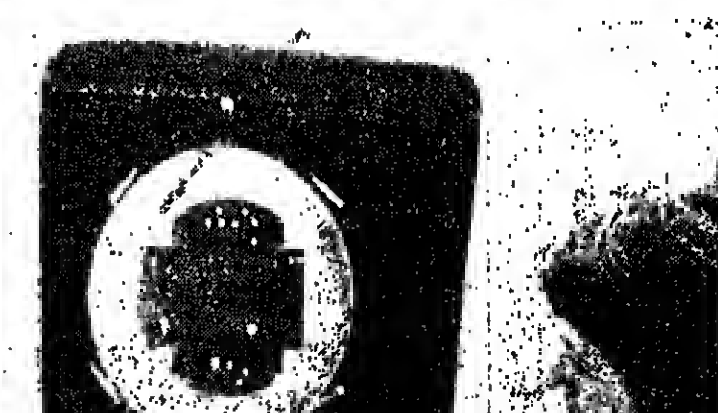
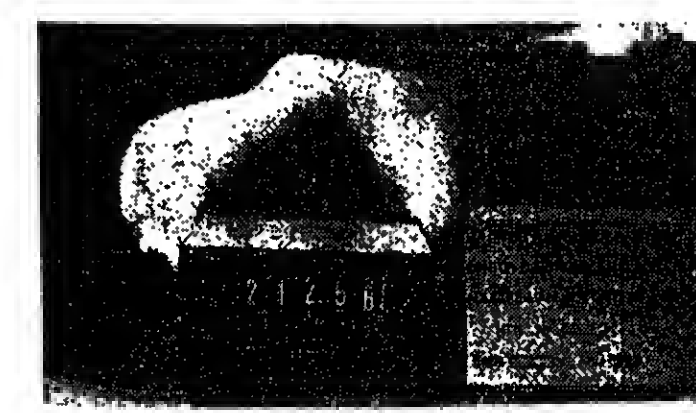
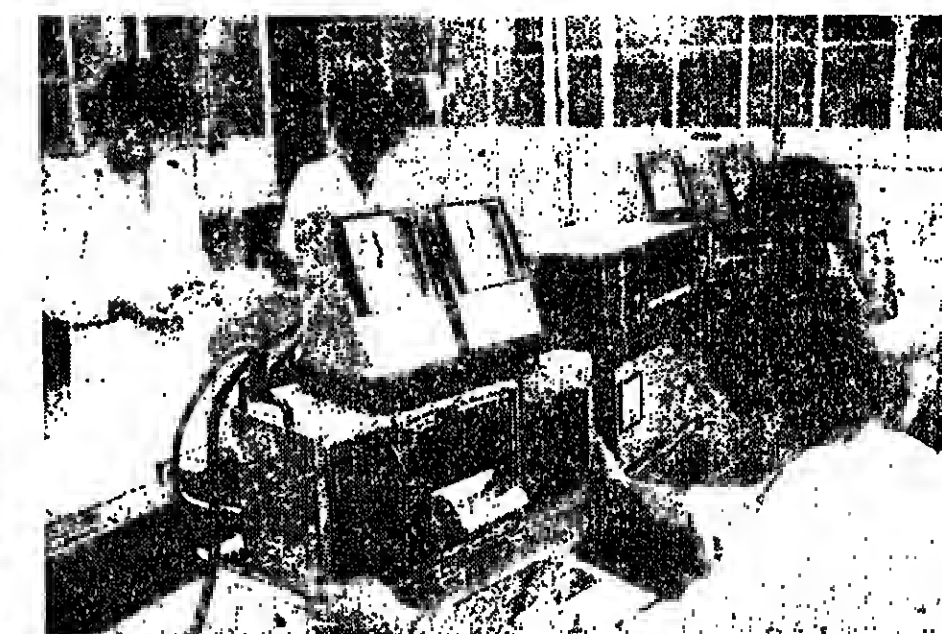
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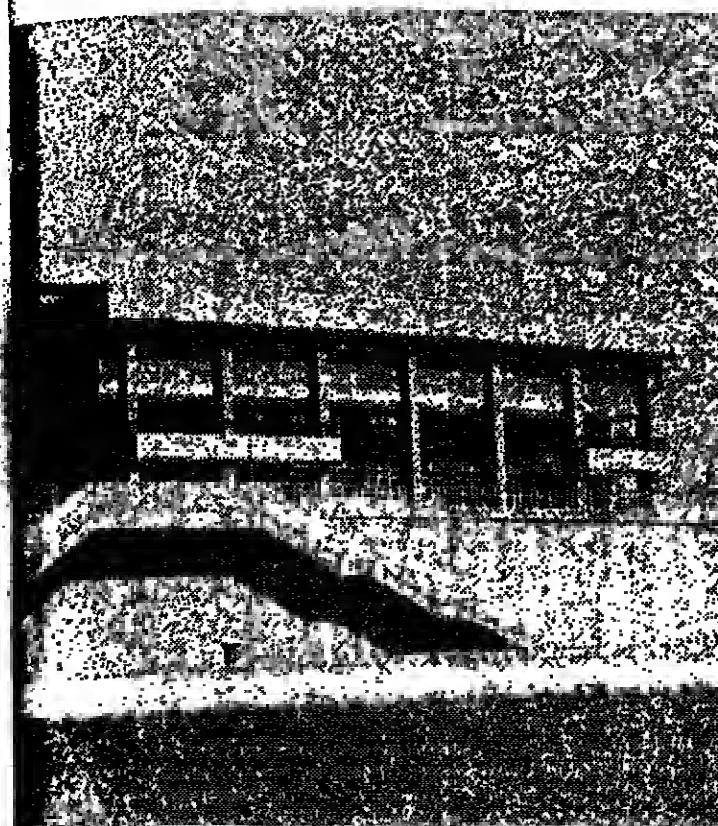
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recruited out of 2,000, therefore only 10 per cent. But it is worth trying because to be a pioneer in this new domain of Romanian energy is a great satisfaction for any young Romanian specialist.

"For specialists and especially for the young ones, the nuclear power plant at Cernavodă is maybe the place where they can fulfill their dreams," said the young engineer Marian Serban, the top graduate of the 1983 class of the Physics Institute of Măgurele. "I came here with my wife, now a mathematician professor at the high school of Cernavodă, and we shall stay because Cernavodă is a young



While before the completion of the Danube-Black Sea Canal Cernavodă was a rather anonymous settlement, its name being mentioned only in relation to the bridge built there by Anghelescu. Today it is one of the river ports of the above-mentioned Canal. Besides it, two more settlements of the above-mentioned Canal — have become ports.

— Măgurele and Buzănești — have become ports.

As is known, the Danube-Black Sea Canal was built between 1976-1984. It is 61.2 km long and shortens by some 400 km the old river route to the Black Sea which until the commissioning of the canal provided water for the transport of goods along it and for the 100,000-ton Carpatian freight work of localities along it. The canal provides water for the transport of goods along it and for the 100,000-ton Carpatian freight work of localities along it. The canal provides water for the transport of goods along it and for the 100,000-ton Carpatian freight work of localities along it.

● Cernavodă is a town in Constanta county which will have a powerful future development — urban and industrial. By the location, in the vicinity of the town, of the first nuclear-electric plant, soon to be commissioned, the population structure has registered important socio-professional changes.

● Located in the south-east of the country, Constanta county holds the southern half of Dobrogea, bordering by a wide sea exit. It has an area of 7,055 sq.km, and a population of 240,000 inhabitants, which represents some 3 percent of the country's population.

● Constanta county, poorly developed from the economic point of view in the past, has known in the last two decades, a progressive development and has at present a high industrial potential and a modern, intensive agriculture. Deep changes have been registered in the county's economy in the mentioned period when important investments were made — 220 billion lei. The fixed assets have grown 12 times compared to 1965 in industrial units and about 7 times in agricultural ones.

● In the same period, important industrial objectives were commissioned among which the Constanta Naval Construction Enterprise, the Constanta Mechanical Enterprise, "Kovriga" Enterprise, Mica-Năvodari Petrochemical Plant, the Wood Processing Enterprise, the Integrated Wool Enterprise. An important objective, at the level of the national economy, inaugurated in the last years is the Danube-Black Sea Canal.

● Constanta county's industrial output was last year seven times bigger than in 1965, registering an average annual growth rate of 10.5 percent, superior to the country average.

● 80 percent of the county's industrial production is obtained today by the power, machine engineering and material processing, chemical, and building materials industries.

● Constanta county is not only the country's most important sea gate or as it is called "Romania's gate to the world seas and oceans", but also a geographic area excellent for tourism, especially in summer. Between Mamaia and Mangalia there are famous resorts with a powerful tourist base. Last year, they hosted about two million Romanian and foreign tourists.

town which will develop tremendously in the coming years".

Engineer Sergiu Molin, director of the Nuclear-Assembly Enterprise in former professional basketball player with Politehnica of Bucharest, told us that the degree of automation of the plant can be compared only to that of an ultramodern supersonic aircraft. The process is to be controlled "on line" by a computer which handles supplying data to the operator is directly involved in the production stages, issuing decisions. A highly updated robot ensures the loading and unloading of fuel into the reactor, while the safety of those who handle the process is ensured one hundred percent thanks to remote control operations and perfect insulation. In fact, all specialists with whom we talked pointed out that if any accident occurs at the plant it will have no catastrophic consequences on the people and environment.



THE FUTURE

A young mayor for a young town.

...A few years ago Nicolae Buzănești was commander of the Youth's National Building Site of the Mica-Năvodari petrochemical works, also here, in Dobrogea. For more than a year he has been holding the office of mayor of Cernavodă town which is reconstructed. Almost from the foundations. Today the town is a huge building site. New lanes, streets and alleys are being laid out. The old area near the Danube river is being demolished. Important social projects are taking shape.

"In a relatively short period the town has seen the rise of 3,000 apartments, shopping centers and public service units. Those who will come to work at the nuclear plant and at the canal will find here all the facilities of a civilized urban life: kindergartens, schools, modern hospitals, clubs and a host of other

social grounds, many green areas (this year alone more than four million flowers are to be planted) and even a swimming pool. All our efforts are now channelled towards ensuring a high living standard."

CONSTANTIN ISMAILEANU
Photo: ILIE MARIAN

These pages show views from Cernavodă town: the river and the new river terminal; two moments in the construction of the new town; the Cernavodă town; the Danube-Black Sea Canal; a remarkable monument of the Romanian hydroelectricity; the lake district of the town; the place of work in progress at the Cernavodă nuclear-electric plant.

Pa urmele lui Mircea cel Mare (On the Tracks of Mircea the Great by Constantin Căzănescu, Sport-Tourism Publishing House, Bucharest, 1986), entitled *Pe urmele lui Mircea cel Mare*, by Constantin Căzănescu, was issued in the collection "Pe urmele lui..." (On the Tracks of...), recently released under the aegis of the Sport-Tourism Publishing House. According to the rigorousness of the series, the author has tried to place the historical framework in which the great Walachian voivode (1386-1418) ruled Walachia, the link of settlement and the results of his foreign policy relations with the neighboring countries. Following the history of the great ruler's deeds, under the aspect of his political thinking, highlighting the aims of his plan of action, the author deals in particular with the close relations of Mircea cel Mare with Walachia and the other Romanian Lands (Transylvania, Moldavia and Dobruja). On the aspects Mircea cel Mare represented for the Great Prince of Moscow (Ivan III), the unfiler of all the Romanian provinces: under the aspect, in 1600. An abundance of illustrations attests the huge diplomatic and political effort of Mircea voivode in defense of

his country's freedom for the elimination of the serious threats posed by some of our neighbouring states' aggressive policy to the independent existence of the Romanian Lands. All in all, it is a book written with warmth, full of interesting suggestions.

A high-contrast, black and white photograph showing a large, dark, textured structure, possibly a bridge or a large piece of machinery. A bright, glowing light source is visible in the upper right corner, creating a strong contrast with the dark structure. The image has a grainy, almost abstract quality.

lored the whole ensemble, promptly and energetically joining to the fore in the musical moments in keeping with the specific spirit of the classic Viennese operetta. In broad lines, it was a pleasant show and above all a show providing cerillides for the entrance of young singers in the road, take over the respective parts of the country's various lyrical stages.

sense of interestingness on which colour has exercised his specific function of interpretation, of essentially, Expected, the tableaux, a dominant factor in the plot event — brings original ways of assimilating tradition, sometimes examples of interesting experience won in a long way of thinking and sensitivity.

Artistic lines have many directions. A certain harmonious attitude, a way of integrating or in life, a way of recognizing or being a much praised, a useful, a useful, of Romanian artistic expression, is common especially to painting. We decipher it at the same time with the baroque characteristics of the palette of a master like the Popeanu Negroni in the sensitive coordinates mastered by Grigore Vasile in the plastic and composition procedure of the painting of Alin Gheorghiu's composition, from which expressive dramatic records come through in the harsh but vital simplicity of Ion Păescu's still life, the sensitive, sensitive breathing of the "Flight" painted by Viorel Mărginean, in the sensitive narration, at the limit between the real and fantastic, of Ștefan Cihăreanu's "The Polling", in the literary and chromatic subtlety of Serb Iliovăscu's composition in the nostalgic evocation of the past, the place of the "The Polling" (Romanian), in Jacob Lazar's work or the "The

Spiru Vergulescu's drawings; to the delicate story of "Spring in Town" by Marin Niculescu; to the humorous presence of the actress played by George Angeles in the vigorous romantic rhythms of Vanda Todorovic; to the delicate feeling of Roman's

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A HISTORICAL MAGAZINE

According to his name, Măgălinzî istorie is a "review of historical culture" released monthly, enjoyable to well-deserved appreciation among readership than the well-known always attractive contents. This latest issue (4/88) draws our attention to several articles. Thus, professor Gheorghe Bălan presents the evolution of the Romanian-Romanian demotics existing in the establishments of Athos. On the occasion he summarizes subjects involving certain manuscripts left by some great volovers, the ascription of the Romanian language as a source of folk literature, the influence of the Greek and the Romanian printing houses designed for the East and the rise of the princely academies as hearths of European culture. The researcher reveals the special importance born by the documents of Athos in the history of the Romanian language. The Romanian history between the 14th and the 19th century where, for five centuries "The Romanian Language" were the main economic, cultural and political axis of the period of the Byzantine civilization existing in the peninsula of the Balkans. The Byzantine Empire fallen under the Turkish domination.

The original study of Victor Papacoelea (1900-1962), a reputed historian of South-Eastern Europe, deals also with the Romanian cultural past - namely how the Byzantine culture influenced the Romanian culture, the ties and influence of the Romanian scholars as part of the exchange of values of that epoch, indelibly imprinted on the circulation of important writings of the time within the Romanian space, the author makes a proceeding what is currently formed as cultural history. To his turn, researcher Gheorghe Buluiță preconizes a series of Romanian miniated and ornated manuscript, produced between the 16th and the 17th centuries, which have a great importance for the Romanian historical significance. The contents include also the memorial notes of Theodor C. Văcărescu 1843-1881, evoking events and personalities from the times of Alexander Ioan Cuza (1859-1860), as well as Gh. Filipescu, a Romanian writer, poet, journalist, Transylvanian Romanians fight for unity and independence in the national consciousness of the 18th century. Finally, Ion Popescu-Pușcuț makes a historical study, presenting on new perspectives from the ethnological angle of his book "The Trojan's work culture".

The Deeds of the Celts or Gypsies.

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JUBILEES

Allice all, the longevity of theatrical performance proves the undiminished status of the ardor of her audience, whence their constant affection among theatre goers have often had the opportunity to record jubilees of this kind. In our pages, Now we can enlist another theatrical event, Verence's Andria directed by Grigor V. Ili has scored the 100th performance at the National Hotel of Bucharest, while Valentin Munteanu's Hotel Comendator (The Twine Hotel), staged by Tudor M. Ili, has reached its 400th performance with the National Hotel company. The jubilee of the first actor Costin, who plays three different roles in The Hotel, has not missed any of the 400 performances.

REHEARSALS

Not long ago, the Comedy Theatre in Buenos Aires presented the premiere of the play, King Lear, by Shakespeare. Now, rehearsals have already begun for a famous classic comedy, to be performed during the summer season: *The Taming of Shrew*. The director, Laurian Ursula stages the play with a supporting cast including Maria Malibea, and some well-known comedians like Stela Popescu, George Mihaila, Aurel G. Cioba, Stela Tapalaga, Sandra Tene, Corneli Vulpes, etc.

Anghel Mura's feature film directorial debut was too expeditious for a long time. The former class leader at the Bucharest Theatre of Film Institute had already proved a fine cineaste, also giving a fine screenplay for *morii rânii din drogoste* (visă (Deadly Wounded Love of Life) and making some nonlinear and manifest films (Records), but, until *morii* (Records, Laurels, and Merits), Camuș de lauri (Wreath of Laurels) and *penitru primăvara* (Hymn to the Country Spring) which indicated authentic talent. And, before that, while a student at the Institute, he had made three promising short-reel films: *Si omul e săvârșit* (Man is a Bird To

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Radio România, touring some of the beloved performers of the Humorous Wave band: Tamara Bălcăescu-Botez, Anca Călugăreanu, Demăruțescu, Hora Serbanescu, Hora Căciulea, Jorj Voicu and others (photos, right).

neatness, pe deep (Gold Lih
a Bullion on One's Breast).
And now, here he is with
a full-length feature, itter-
to in start (A River's Re-
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he also utters together
with the equally young on-
gifted director Serben Mo-
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outstanding screenplays: *Mon-
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More, who is an establish
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counts to a certain extent to
the quality of his screen-
play which, in this case, in-
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consistency and stylistic co-
herence.

As its very title suggests, the film is a tautest on drawing on sports; the nautical sportsman's tale is training on the Black Sea. Connel for a major international commission under each summer. Among the summered in the nation team is also training. ambitious young man who had distinguished himself at the Junior championship and who is kept as a reserve by the coach as a member of the national team. The film is a keep up with the intense pace of the training. The sailing plot is somewhat predictable; surviving the aftermath of the team and especially a conflict with the



coach (at a certain moment the latter wishes to drop him from the team because of his recalcitrant behaviour — he eventually gets his place on the team which does not elatively contribute to the victory in this world championships).

But Angehel Biera's intention is not to solve cinematically a confrontation between a sportsman and his coach.

The director uses a story with a specific topic in order to try to find out the motives that inspire one's attitude of fellowship, that destroy team's moral cohesion and create tension in the relations at people driven by the same aims. The training sessions are pretext for director looking at the individual

ground that one must find the value of Anghel Marciucel's effort, not in the screenplay's comparably minor role. The director conducts this analysis not much by psychological tricks as by the technical means of filming: the recouping to the computer screen, the abrupt cuts, the often dramatical photographs (cameraman Marian Slușanu and the videocassette machine, which impart a certain experimental character to the picture. The narrator, alert, dynamic.

VLADIMIR UDRESCU


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ITALY. An exhibition of paintings and serigraphs entitled *Inno alla Roma* by Romanist artist Elena Uja Chelaru was opened at Modern. The painter is profiled in the exhibition catalogue by critic Cerin Emanuela Buga and Valentin Ciuch.

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THREE-DAY PRE-OLYMPIC TEST

For three days the Sports Hall in Constanta was the venue of the 31st edition of Romania's international gymnastics championships.

The championships were opened by the men's free-style routines. Romania's Marius Cherman became all-round champion, with two other Romanians, Marius Toth and Marian Bican, taking second and third places, ahead of competitors from the USSR, Italy, the USA, the GDR, Cuba and People's China.

The second day was devoted to the women's voluntary exercises. As was to be expected, this side of the competition was dominated by world champions Daniela Silivas, Eugenia Gulesa and Camelia Voinea, who placed in this order in the final all-round

standings. They were followed by gymnasts from Bulgaria, the GDR, Belgium, Hungary etc.

In the men's apparatus finals, the champions were Marius Toth (Romania) — in the floor and rings, Marius Cherman (Romania) in the vault and parallel bars, Evgeny Indikov (USSR) in the horizontal bar, Marian Bican (Romania) in the pommel horse. The new women's champions were Eugenia Gulesa (Romania) in the vault, beam and floor, and Daniela Silivas (Romania) in the uneven bars.

Junior girls' and boys' gymnastics events were also staged outside the main competition. The 31st edition of Romania's international gymnastics championships was entered by 89 gymnasts from 19 countries.



HORS CONCOURS EXCITEMENT

The second day of Romania's international gymnastics championships were closed by an exciting festival: Romanian Olympic medalists were awarded the badge of the International Olympic Committee.

Dan Grecu, the first Romanian male gymnast to win an Olympic medal (Montreal, 1976) was joined on the mat by Alina Aiba and Emilia Lila (Melbourne 1956 and Rome 1960), Anca Grigoras and Georgina Gabor (Montreal, 1976), Rodica Dunca, Emilia Ebeco and Rodica Ribi (Moscow, 1980), Corina Grigoras, Mihaela Stancu, Liana Cutina, Simona Pavea and Ecaterina Szaib (Los Angeles, 1984) and, naturally, Nadia Comaneci who participated in two Olympics (Montreal, 1976, and Moscow, 1980 and boasts a unique record: nine medals (five gold and four silver).

A mere reading of this list shows that Romanian gymnastics, particularly women's gymnastics, has been dominating the international scene for more than three decades.

They, as well as others, are training the future Olympic medalists. Alina Comaneci, Dunca, Eberle, Iliu a.o. spend many hours in the gym of Bucharest, Bala Mare, Arad or Sibiu where they polish highly difficult exercises meant to bring out the abilities of up-and-coming Romanian gymnasts.

THE INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AS SEEN BY...

Dan Grecu, coordinating coach of the National Olympic Gymnastics Centre (men) in Regia: "For us, the Constanta championships were the first official test before the public. Naturally we are pleased with the fine shape shown at present by our top gymnasts Marius Cherman, Marius Toth and Marian Bican who placed in this order in the individual all-round and standings, and who did well in the apparatus finals too, among a field of leading sportsmen from the USSR, GDR, Italy, Bulgaria etc. There are still a lot of things that need to be improved until the Olympic Games.

"Even more important, perhaps, for our team was the test of the coaches, who will go to the European Championships in Avignon, France, later this month. I hope they will confirm the results they scored at the 1980 European Junior boys' championships (two gold medals

claimed by Toth and Silivas). Adrian Gorenc, coordinator coach of the National Olympic Gymnastics Centre (women) in Deva: "The female gymnasts fulfilled one expectation at this test. Unfortunately, they only performed free-style routines at these international championships, therefore we could not see their exact compulsory exercises in a major competition. We still have a lot of work to do in this respect, but there is plenty of time until we leave for Seoul. "As for the junior girls, we are planning great hopes to them for the forthcoming European championships."

CONSTANTIN LUPU

Eugenia Gulesa performing of the beam (top) and world champion Daniela Silivas together with her mother (left)

GOOD LUCK ON YOUR ROMANIAN TOUR!



Maria Crisman had promised to make a tour of Romania "on foot", starting on the first of May. Well, she kept her word. Training made her feel even more confident that she would succeed. Ready for the trip with a 15-kg heavy knapsack on her back, in which she had not forgotten to put her knapsack, she actually a diary — she started on her journey casually from the headquarters of the Youth Travel Office in Bucharest, determined to reach the littoral of the Black Sea. From there she will pass through border localities armed with a camera, heading north, into Moldova. Afterwards she will cross Maramures, climb down through Bihor, Arad, Timis, Mehedinti, Dolj and Teleorman, only to return to Bucharest on August 23. She will be easy to spot wherever she goes thanks to a light-colored jacket to her knapsack and a scarf on which she had written: ROMANIA'S TOUR.

As far as Mangalia she will enjoy the companionship of world traveler Nicolai Gimpu who will avail himself of the opportunity to "practice" some walking before his attempt to cross, also on foot, Island and Greenland, the last piece of earth he has not visited yet. Nicolai Gimpu learned his ABC of tourism in 1933, when he was 20, by making a tour of Romania. His pieces of advice combined with 70 years of experience will be of great help to Maria, the first Romanian woman to make such an attempt.

Adding that the courageous traveller will reach the age of 33 during her "trip" — on July 2 — there is not much to do, except wait for the winner, to come back on August 23, and other red letter days to which she intends to dedicate her efforts.

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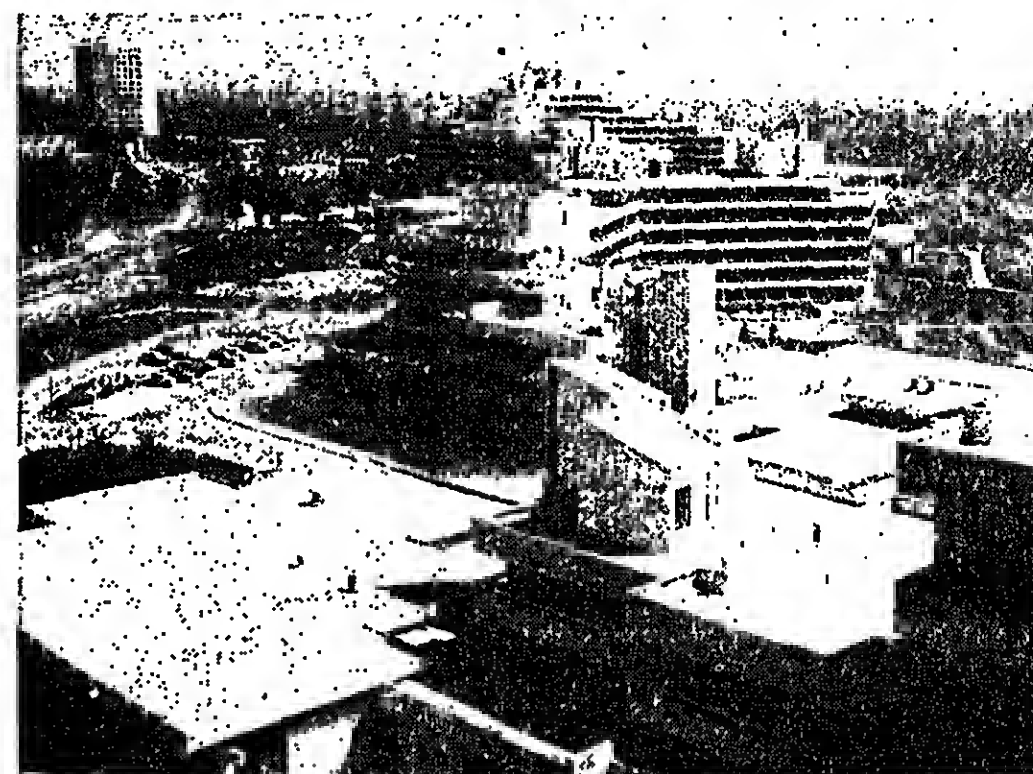
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